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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report of a leachate leak, based on Chiquita's current knowledge of the event:

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- 0. 0. The leak was discovered on May 27, 2025, at approximately 11:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- 0. 0. Leachate leaked from a wellhead in grid 150. The leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- 1. 1. Claudio Velez.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- 0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Mr. Velez immediately disabled air supply to the pneumatic (air operated) well pump that was causing liquid to escape the top of the wellhead.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

- 0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the air supply hose detached from the well pump within the well casing, such that when Chiquita personnel turned on the air supply, air pressurized within the well casing, forcing the liquid up and through an open port on the wellhead.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

- 1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 20 gallons of leachate leaked from the pump.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- * Chiquita personnel applied absorbent to area impacted by the leak. The absorbent and soiled dirt were then removed, and fresh soil was applied to the area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- * Chiquita will ensure that the inspection port on wellheads is closed when checking and testing well pumps to prevent liquids from escaping in the event of future equipment malfunction.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Chiquita operates the equipment that leaked.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. However, Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak.

Regards,

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